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WASHINGTON, March 21, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,523 in February, compared with 2,736 in January and 299 in February 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The February figures brought the two-month 1984 total for orders to 4,259, compared with 800 at the same time last year.

A total of 528 cars were placed in service in February, compared with 415 in January and 447 in February a year ago.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of March 1 was 6,548, compared with 5,553 on February 1, and 4,153 on March 1, 1983.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 33 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in February, compared with 15 in January and 26 in February a year ago.

As of March 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 81, compared with 85 on February 1, and 17 on March 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on March 1 totaled 25,638, compared with 25,811 on February 1 and 26,904 on March 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	February		January	Two Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	528	411	415	943	815
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	36	0	0	90
Built New - Total	528	447	415	943	941
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	528	447	415	943	941
Locomotives	33	26	15	48	36

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,523	297	2,736	4,259	798
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	2	0	0	2
To be built New - Total	1,523	299	2,736	4,259	800
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,523	299	2,736	4,259	800

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	March 1		February 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	6,548	4,041	*5,553	6,099	4,098
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	112	0	0	129
To be built New - Total	6,548	4,153	*5,553	6,099	4,227
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	6,548	4,153	*5,553	6,099	4,227
Locomotives	81	17	85	83	24

*Revised Figures

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